SPECIAL EP: LITTLE CHRISTMAS

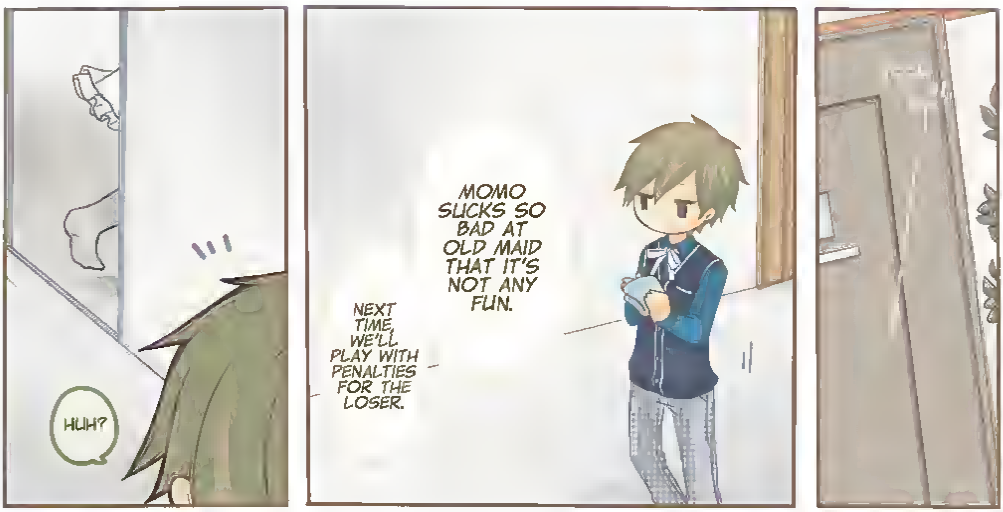
CHRIST-MAS.
THE DAY THAT SANTA BRINGS GIFTS TO THE CHILDREN WHO'VE BEEN GOOD ALL YEAR LONG.
...
EVERY YEAR, IT'S JUST MOM'S NORMAL HAND-WRITING.
To Norika-Chan
Merry Christmas! This is your reward for being a good girl all year long.
Santa.
NORIKA (2ND GRADE)

Merry X'mas
WAH!
SHOUTA'S HOUSE
IT LOOKS REALLY GOOD!
DOESN'T IT? SHOUTA-CHAN'S MOM IS A SUPER GOOD COOK
YUU-CHAN HELPED ME MAKE THE CAKE.
this is from my mother
oh how polite
RIHITO & MOMO (1ST GRADE)
REALLY? YUU-CHAN, THAT'S AMAZING!
!o!
IS YUU-CHAN SMART?
SO SMART!
AM I A GOOD GIRL?
YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL!
YUZUKI (1ST GRADE)

OH, YEAH.
RIHITO, IS EMA-KUN NOT COMING TODAY?
A GIRL IN HIS CLASS IS HAVING A PARTY AT HER HOUSE, SO HE WENT THERE INSTEAD.
SHOU-TA (1ST GRADE)
YOU'RE BOTH GOOD KIDS!
...
Oh wa
I SEE...
I love girls!
WOW...
I DIDN'T KNOW EMA-KUN COULD BECOME A SANTA!
SANTA?!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE HIM.
HE SAID, "I'M GONNA BE EVERYONE'S SANTA!"
AND LEFT CARRYING A BUNCH OF PRESENTS OVER HIS SHOULDER.
clatter

MAYBE HE'D GIVE ME SOMETHING I WANT AS A PRESENT!
IF I ASKED EMA-KUN,
SHOU-TA.
...sh...
UHH...
YOU KNOW, SANTA ISN'T-
SHHH!
YUU-CHAN, SANTA IS AC-TUALLY-
SHHH!
yuzuki still believes in santa. don't destroy her dreams.
YOU KNOW...
...WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU, RIGHT?

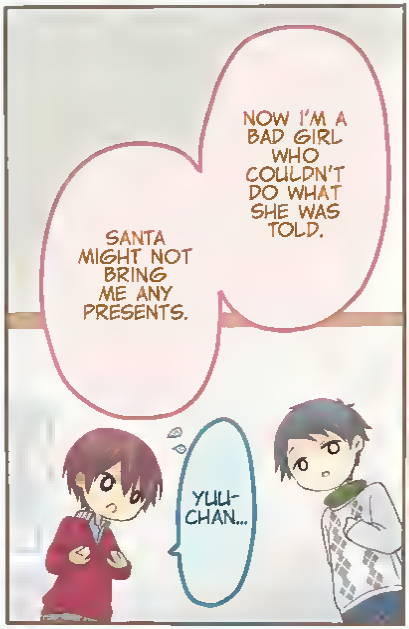
WHEN IT COMES TO YUU-CHAN, HE'S KINDA SCARY.



WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'?
YUU-CHAN?
HUH?
?

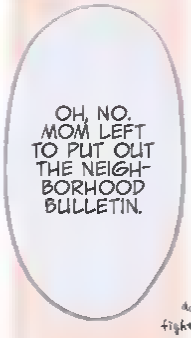
AHH! YUU-CHAN'S CRYING!
OH, NO. GET ALONG, OKAY?
I'M SORRY!
HUH?
WHAT?!
Waaah
RIHITO, WERE YOU MEAN TO YUZUKI?!
I WAS NOT!

THAT'S YUZUKI'S FAVORITE DRESS.
SHE GOT SAUCE ON HER DRESS'S RIBBON.

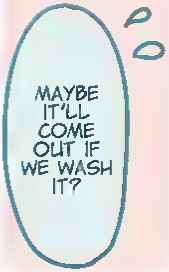

NOW I'M A BAD GIRL WHO COULDN'T DO WHAT SHE WAS TOLD.
SANTA MIGHT NOT BRING ME ANY PRESENTS.
YUU-CHAN...

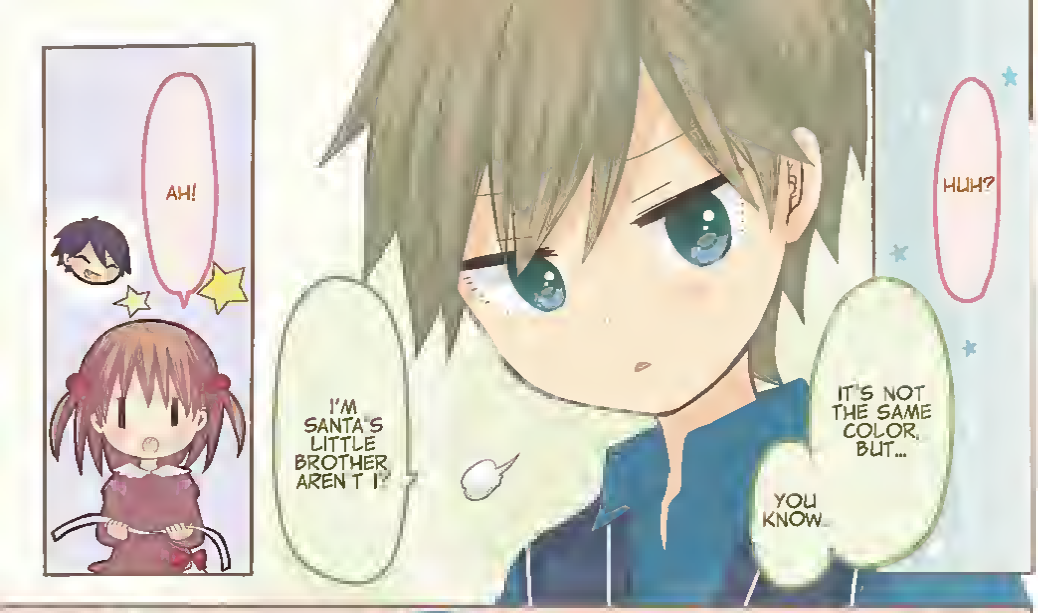
UH-HUH.
MOMMY TOLD ME TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET IT DIRTY.

H...
HIC...
sniffle
?!

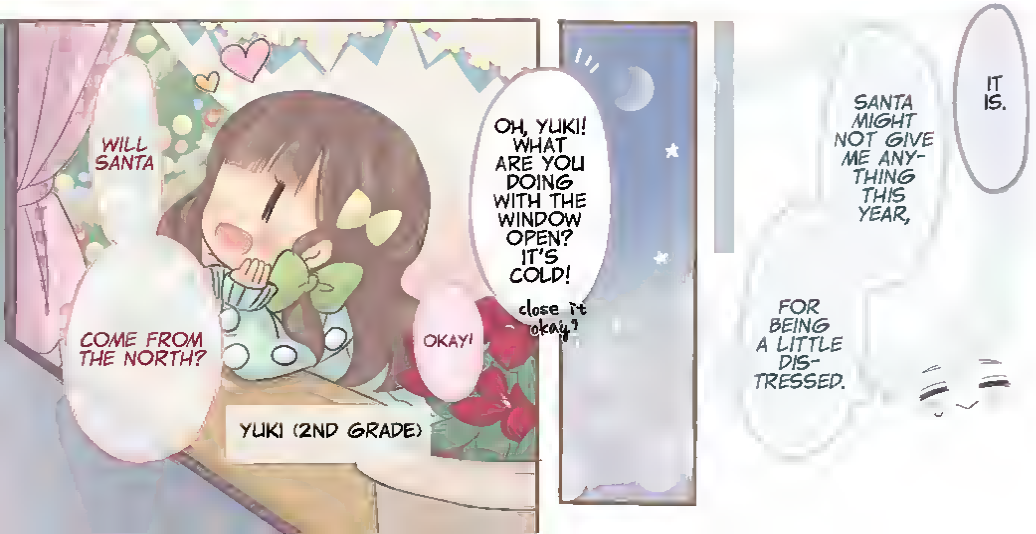

OH, NO. MOM LEFT TO PUT OUT THE NEIGH-BORHOOD BULLETIN.
don't fight okay?

I'LL GIVE YOU THIS
chwrl
HERE.

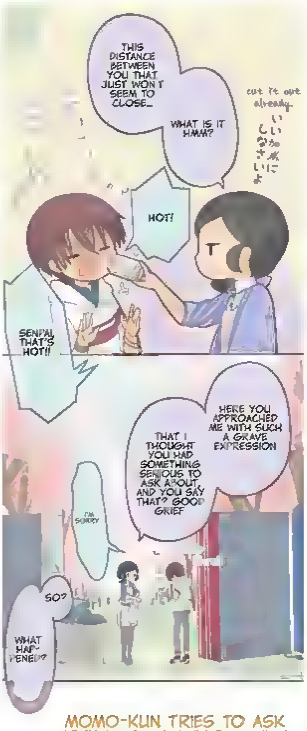

MAYBE IT'LL COME OUT IF WE WASH IT?


AH!
I'M SANTA'S LITTLE BROTHER AREN'T I?
HUH?
IT'S NOT THE SAME COLOR, BUT...
YOU KNOW...

SO RIHITO CAN BE NICE!
YUU-CHAN'S HAPPY AGAIN. ISN'T THAT GREAT, SHIZUKA?
YEAH.
OKAY! WOW!
RITO-KUN, THANK YOU!
I'm so happy!
UH-HUH.


WILL SANTA
COME FROM THE NORTH?
OKAY!
OH, YUKI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THE WINDOW OPEN? IT'S COLD!
close it okay?
YUKI (2ND GRADE)
IT IS.
SANTA MIGHT NOT GIVE ME ANY-THING THIS YEAR,
FOR BEING A LITTLE DIS-TRESSED.

NEXT VOLUME PREVIEW


THIS DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU THAT JUST WON'T SEEM TO CLOSE...
WHAT IS IT HMM?
cut it out already...
HOT!
SENPAI, THAT'S HOT!!
HERE YOU APPROACHED ME WITH SUCH A GRAVE EXPRESSION
THAT I THOUGHT YOU HAD SOMETHING SERIOUS TO ASK ABOUT, AND YOU SAY THAT? SOOO GRIEF.
I'M SORRY
SO?
WHAT HAPPENED?

MOMO-KUN TRIES TO ASK NORIKA-SENPAI FOR ADVICE.

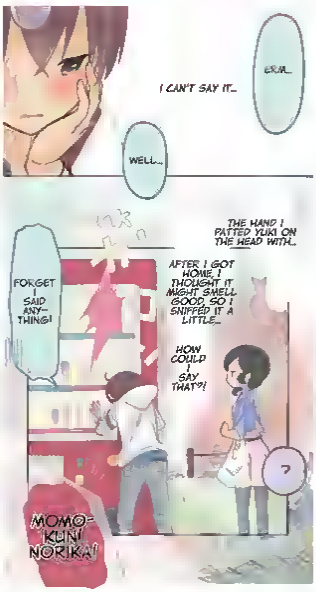
MOMO
GET KUN, SENPAI TO FEED YOU.
WHAT?!
I SAID I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING...
WHAT ARE YOU...
BUT...
IT'S OKAY KURIHARA SAN, I CAN FEED MYSELF
I'M SO NERVOUS MY HANDS ARE SHAKING. I CAN'T KEEP ANYTHING IN MY CHOP STICKS!

WHILE THEIR FRIENDS GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITIES FOR IT, THINGS DON'T PROGRESS

THE SEASONS CHANGE, AND EVERYONE GOES CHERRY-BLOSSOM VIEWING IN EARLY APRIL, WHEN..

HOW WILL MOMO-KUN'S FEELINGS DEVELOP?

MOMO-KUN IS TAKEN ABACK BY HIS SENPAI'S REACTION.


I CAN'T SAY IT...
EXAM...
WELL...
THE HAND I PATTED YUKI ON THE HEAD WITH...
FORGET I SAID ANY-THING!
AFTER I GOT HOME, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT SMELL GOOD, SO I SNIFFED IT A LITTLE...
HOW COULD I SAY THAT?!
?
MOMO-KUN! NORIKA!

BUT HE CAN'T QUITE SEEM TO GET IT OFF HIS CHEST

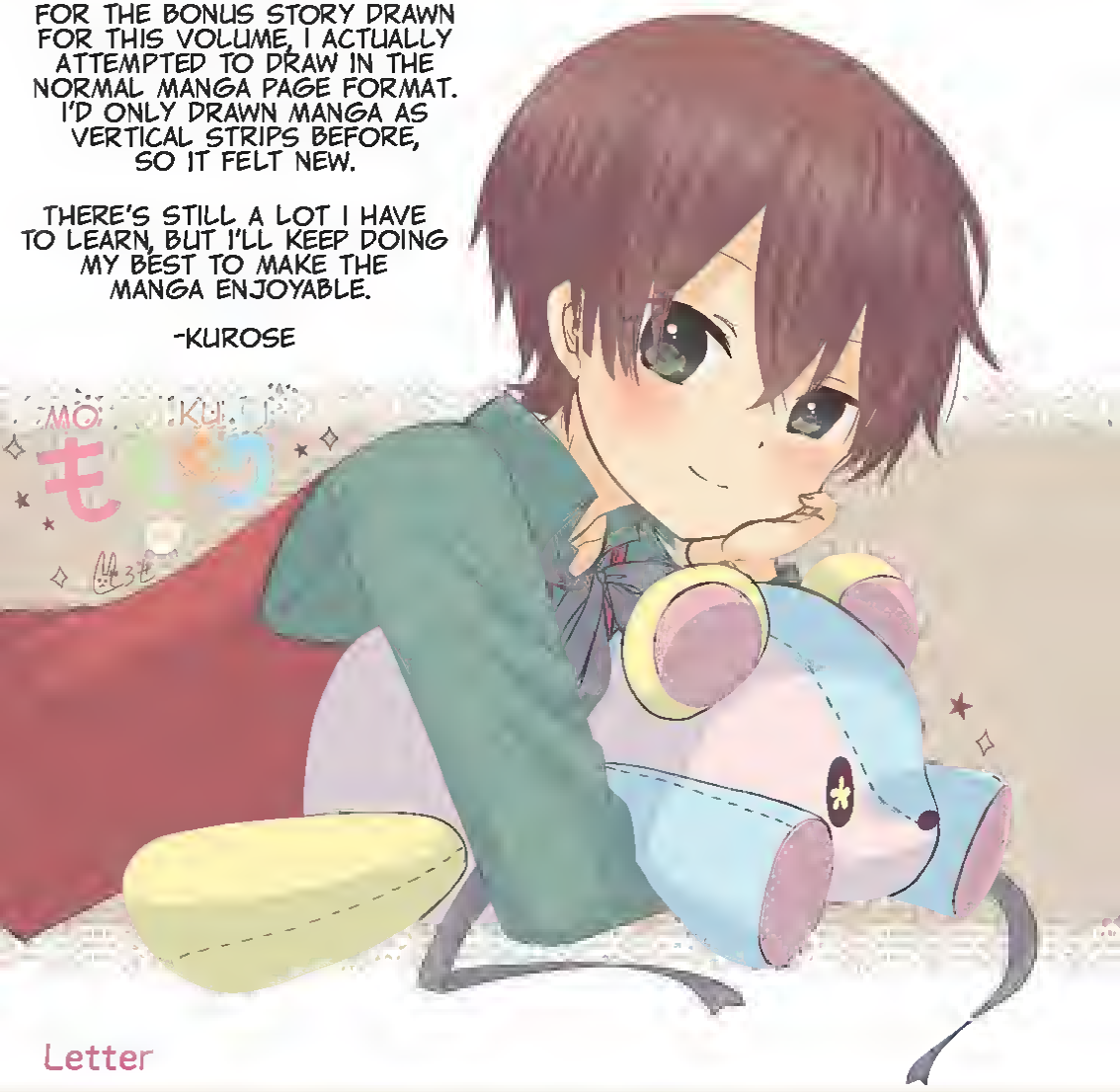
MOMOKURI VOLUMES 5 AND 6, BOTH COMING OUT IN JAPAN IN SPRING 2017!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PICKING UP VOLUME 4. I'M KUROSE.

FOR THE BONUS STORY DRAWN FOR THIS VOLUME, I ACTUALLY ATTEMPTED TO DRAW IN THE NORMAL MANGA PAGE FORMAT. I'D ONLY DRAWN MANGA AS VERTICAL STRIPS BEFORE, SO IT FELT NEW.

THERE'S STILL A LOT I HAVE TO LEARN, BUT I'LL KEEP DOING MY BEST TO MAKE THE MANGA ENJOYABLE.

-KUROSE



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